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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 1999

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

line 3, delete "including" insert

--comprising--

line 2, after "server" insert --further--. Claim 2,